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## HEAVY CHARGED LEPTON PRODUCTION IN SUPERSTRING INSPIRED E<sub>6</sub> MODELS<sup>1,2</sup>

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We investigate the possibility of studying E<sub>6</sub> phenomenology at high energy hadron colliders. The production of heavy leptons pairs *via* a gluon-gluon fusion mechanism is discussed. An enhancement in the parton level cross-section is expected due to the heavy (s)fermion loops which couple to the gluons.

### 1 Introduction

In this talk we give an overview of a very simple superstring inspired E<sub>6</sub> model followed by an application to heavy charged lepton production, along with some preliminary results and discussion.

#### 1.1 Our Choice of Model

The interest in E<sub>6</sub> as a *GUT*, from its good old 1970's would-be-“topless” days, was rekindled in late 1984 when Green and Schwarz showed that the E<sub>8</sub> ⊗ E'<sub>8</sub> gauge group gives rise to anomaly free 10-d string theory. In particular, the Calabi-Yau compactification scheme

$$E_8 \otimes E'_8 \longrightarrow SU(3) \otimes E_6 \otimes E'_8 ,$$

down to 4-d (assuming N=1 SUSY)<sup>3</sup> yields  $n_g$  copies of the **27** representation of E<sub>6</sub>, depending on the topology of the compactified space. The SU(3) are the spin connections on the compactified space, and the E'<sub>8</sub> couples by gravitational interactions to the matter representations of E<sub>6</sub>; these interactions should presumably play a role in lifting the supersymmetric mass degeneracy. It should be pointed out that E<sub>6</sub> is by no means a unique *GUT* group, as other

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dimensional reduction schemes can give rise to different ones. However, a lot of phenomenological work has been done using  $E_6$  and therefore we shall humbly take advantage of this fact.

Further breaking of  $E_6$ , *via* the Hosotani mechanism, leads to rank-6 and rank-5 groups. Here the simplest of these scenarios will be considered, *i.e.*,

$$E_6 \longrightarrow \underbrace{SU(3)_c \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y}_{\text{Standard Model (SM)}} \otimes U(1)_{Y_E},$$

where the extra  $U(1)_{Y_E}$  leads to an additional neutral gauge boson, the  $Z'$ , to the  $SM$ . To obtain  $SM$  energies the breaking can now proceed by the conventional Higgs mechanism.

The assignment of the quantum numbers to the matter fields in the **27**, with the exception of the  $SM$  content, can lead to models which contain leptoquarks, diquarks, or quarks. Here, the assignment that leads to the more familiar  $SM$ -like quarks will be chosen, Figure 1. In this model, the third

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{27} &= \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \left( \begin{array}{c} u \\ d \end{array} \right)_L \left( \begin{array}{c} \nu_e \\ e \end{array} \right)_L u_L^c d_L^c e_L^c \end{array} \nu_{eL}^c d_L'^c \left( \begin{array}{c} \nu_e' \\ e' \end{array} \right)_L \left( \begin{array}{c} e' \\ \nu_e' \end{array} \right)_L^c \nu_{eL}''^c \right\} \\ \mathbf{27} &= \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \left( \begin{array}{c} c \\ s \end{array} \right)_L \left( \begin{array}{c} \nu_\mu \\ \mu \end{array} \right)_L c_L^c s_L^c \mu_L^c \end{array} \nu_{\mu L}^c s_L'^c \left( \begin{array}{c} \nu_\mu' \\ \mu' \end{array} \right)_L \left( \begin{array}{c} \mu' \\ \nu_\mu' \end{array} \right)_L^c \nu_{\mu L}''^c \right\} \\ \mathbf{27} &= \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \left( \begin{array}{c} t \\ b \end{array} \right)_L \left( \begin{array}{c} \nu_\tau \\ \tau \end{array} \right)_L t_L^c b_L^c \tau_L^c \end{array} \nu_{\tau L}^c b_L'^c \left( \begin{array}{c} \nu_\tau' \\ \tau' \end{array} \right)_L \left( \begin{array}{c} \tau' \\ \nu_\tau' \end{array} \right)_L^c \nu_{\tau L}''^c \right\} \\ Y_E\{\mathbf{27}\} &= \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \left( \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 3 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} -1 \\ 3 \end{array} \right) \frac{2}{3} \frac{-1}{3} \frac{2}{3} \end{array} \frac{5}{3} \frac{-4}{3} \frac{-1}{3} \left( \begin{array}{c} -1 \\ 3 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} -4 \\ 3 \end{array} \right) \frac{5}{3} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Figure 1:  $E_6$  particle content. On the top three rows, the  $SM$  particles are shown in the boxes on the left and their “exotic” counter parts outside the boxes on the right. The exotics have been labeled such that they carry the “expected”  $SM$  quantum numbers, with the exception being  $L=0$  for the primed and double primed ones. The bottom row contains the  $Y_E$  quantum numbers.

generation sleptons are typically chosen to play the role of the Higgs fields,

$$\Phi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\nu}_{\tau L}' \\ \tilde{\tau}_L' \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^0 \\ \phi_1^- \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Phi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\tau}_L'^c \\ \tilde{\nu}_{\tau L}^c \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \phi_2^+ \\ \phi_2^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Phi_3 = \tilde{\nu}_{\tau L}''^c \equiv \phi_3^0,$$

where  $\Phi_k = (\phi_{kR}^a + i\phi_{kI}^a)/\sqrt{2}$ , with  $VEV$ 's  $\langle \phi_{kR}^0 \rangle = v_k$ . Therefore, the most general superpotential is of the form

$$W \sim \lambda_1 (u \ d)_L i\tau_2 \begin{pmatrix} e' \\ \nu_e' \end{pmatrix}_L^c u_L^c + \lambda_2 (\nu_e' \ e')_L i\tau_2 \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L^c d_L^c + \lambda_3 (\nu_e' \ e')_L i\tau_2 \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L e_L^c \\ + \lambda_4 (\nu_e' \ e')_L^c i\tau_2 \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e' \\ e' \end{pmatrix}_L \nu_{eL}'' + \lambda_5 d_L' d_L'^c \nu_{eL}'' + \dots,$$

where the generation indices on the Yukawa couplings,  $\lambda_a$ , have been suppressed (*i.e.*,  $\lambda_a \sim \lambda_a^{ijk}$  s.t.  $i, j, k = 1, 2, 3$ ), such that  $\lambda_4^{i33} = \lambda_4^{i33} = \lambda_4^{i33} = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .  $W$ , and the aforementioned gauge group, specifies all of the couplings in this supersymmetric model,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \tilde{f}_i \partial \tilde{f}_j} \tilde{f}_i \tilde{f}_j + \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \tilde{f}_i \partial \tilde{f}_j}^* \tilde{f}_i^* \tilde{f}_j^* \right] \quad \text{Yukawa} \\ V_{\text{Scalar}} = \underbrace{\left| \frac{\partial W}{\partial \tilde{f}_i} \right|^2}_{V_F} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (g \tilde{f}_i^* T_{ij}^a \tilde{f}_j)^2 + \frac{1}{4} (g' Y_i \tilde{f}_i^* \tilde{f}_i)^2 + \frac{1}{4} (g'' Y_{E_i} \tilde{f}_i^* \tilde{f}_i)^2}_{V_D} \quad \text{Scalar}$$

where  $g$ ,  $g'$ , and  $g''$  ( $\approx g'$ ) are the  $SU(2)_L$ ,  $U(1)_Y$ , and  $U(1)_{Y_E}$  coupling constants, respectively. In order to lift the supersymmetric degeneracy some soft terms are put into the model by hand,

$$V_{\text{Soft}} \supseteq \tilde{M}_Q^2 \left| \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u}_L \\ \tilde{d}_R \end{pmatrix} \right|^2 + \tilde{M}_u^2 \tilde{u}_R \tilde{u}_R^* + \dots + \lambda_1 A_u (\tilde{u} \ \tilde{d})_L i\tau_2 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\tau}_L^c \\ \tilde{\nu}_{\tau_L}^c \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Higgses}} \tilde{u}_R^* + \dots,$$

with the soft-SUSY breaking terms  $\tilde{M}_f^2$  and  $A_f$ .

Now, the Higgs potential,  $V_H$  ( $\subseteq V_{\text{Scalar}} + V_{\text{Soft}}$ ), produces masses for all of the particles in the model, with its remaining degrees of freedom creating physical Higgs fields; three neutral-scalars,  $H_{i=1,2,3}^0$ , a neutral-pseudo-scalar,  $P^0$ , and a charged-scalar,  $H^\pm$ . The mass mixing matrices for the Higgs fields,  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{Higgs}}^2$ , can be obtained from the bilinear terms in  $V_H$ ,

$$V_H(\phi_k^a) \supseteq \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}_{ij}^2 (\phi_i^a - \langle \phi_i^a \rangle)(\phi_j^a - \langle \phi_j^a \rangle) \ni \mathcal{M}_{ij}^2 = \left. \frac{\partial^2 V_H}{\partial \phi_i^a \partial \phi_j^a} \right|_{VEV's},$$

which produces a  $(2 \times 2)$  for  $\mathcal{M}_{H^\pm}^2$ , and two  $(3 \times 3)$ 's for  $\mathcal{M}_{H_i^0}^2$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{P^0}^2$ . Diagonalizing these matrices yields the mass terms

$$m_{H^\pm}^2 = \frac{\lambda A \nu_3}{\sin(2\beta)} + \left(1 - 2 \frac{\lambda^2}{g^2}\right) m_W^2, \quad m_{P^0}^2 = \frac{\lambda A \nu_3}{\sin(2\beta)} \left(1 + \frac{\nu^2}{4\nu_3^2} \sin^2(2\beta)\right),$$

and

$$m_{H_i^0}^2 \subseteq (U \mathcal{M}_{H_i^0}^2 U^{-1})_D \ni m_{H_1^0}^2 \leq m_{H_2^0}^2 \leq m_{H_3^0}^2,$$

where  $\tan \beta = v_2/v_1$ ,  $v^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2$ ,  $\lambda = \lambda_a^{333}$ , and  $A$  is a soft term.<sup>b</sup> Assuming a  $U$ -gauge, the  $\phi_i^a$ 's can be expressed in terms of the physical Higgs fields,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1^\pm &= \sin \beta H^\pm, & \phi_2^\pm &= \cos \beta H^\pm, \\ \phi_{1I}^0 &= \kappa v_2 v_3 P^0, & \phi_{2I}^0 &= \kappa v_1 v_3 P^0, & \phi_{3I}^0 &= \kappa v_1 v_2 P^0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\phi_{iR}^0 = \nu_i + \sum_{j=1}^3 U_{ij}^{-1} H_j^0.$$

where  $\kappa = 1/\sqrt{v_1^2 v_2^2 + v^2 \nu_3^2}$ . This allows for the other masses, and interactions involving the Higgses, to be easily obtained.

The masses for the gauge bosons come from the kinetic terms of the Higgs fields, as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{K.E.}}^{\Phi_i} &\supseteq |(\partial - \frac{i}{2} G_\mu) \Phi_i|^2 \\ &\supseteq m_W^2 W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} + \frac{1}{2} (Z Z')_\mu m_Z^2 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{4v_2^2 - v_1^2}{3v^2/\eta} \sqrt{x_W} \\ \frac{4v_2^2 - v_1^2}{3v^2/\eta} \sqrt{x_W} & \frac{v_1^2 + 16v_2^2 + 25v_3^2}{9v^2/\eta^2} x_W \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathcal{M}_{Z-Z'}^2} \begin{pmatrix} Z \\ Z' \end{pmatrix}^\mu, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$G_\mu \supseteq (\tau_3 g \cos \theta_W - g' Y \sin \theta_W) Z_\mu + \sqrt{2} g [\tau_+ W_\mu^- + \tau_- W_\mu^+] + g'' Y_E Z_\mu,$$

$m_W = gv/2$ ,  $m_Z = \sqrt{g^2 + g'^2} v/2$ , and  $\eta = g'/g''$ . Therefore, the  $Z$  and  $Z'$  mix to give the mass eigenstates  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$ , with masses  $m_{Z_1} (\equiv m_Z) \leq m_{Z_2}$ .

The fermion masses come from the Yukawa interaction terms with the Higgs fields,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} \supseteq -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{ \lambda_1 \nu_2 \bar{u} u + \lambda_2 \nu_1 \bar{d} d + \lambda_3 \nu_1 \bar{e} e + \lambda_4 \nu_3 \bar{e}' e' + \lambda_5 \nu_3 \bar{d}' d' \},$$

which yields the Yukawa couplings

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{g m_u}{\sqrt{2} m_W \sin \beta}, \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{g m_d}{\sqrt{2} m_W \cos \beta}, \quad \lambda_3 = \frac{g m_e}{\sqrt{2} m_W \cos \beta},$$

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<sup>b</sup>The  $\tilde{M}_f^2 \in V_H$  are eliminated by requiring  $\partial V_H / \partial \phi_i^a|_{V_{EV's}} = 0$ .

$$\lambda_4 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\nu_3} m_{e'} , \quad \lambda_5 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\nu_3} m_{d'} .$$

The left and right sfermion states,  $\tilde{f}_{L,R}$ , in general, mix and are obtained from

$$V_{\text{Scalar}} + V_{\text{Soft}} \supseteq (\tilde{f}_L \tilde{f}_R) \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_{LL}^2 & \mathcal{M}_{LR}^2 \\ \mathcal{M}_{LR}^2 & \mathcal{M}_{RR}^2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathcal{M}_f^2} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{f}_L^* \\ \tilde{f}_R^* \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^2 m_{\tilde{f}_i}^2 \tilde{f}_i \tilde{f}_i^* ,$$

where  $\mathcal{M}_f^2$  is sfermion mass mixing matrix: e.g. for  $\tilde{u}_{L,R}$

$$M_{LL}^{(\tilde{u})^2} = \tilde{M}_Q^2 + m_u^2 + \frac{1}{6} (3 - 4x_W) m_Z^2 \cos(2\beta) - \frac{1}{36} g''^2 (\nu_1^2 + 4\nu_2^2 - 5\nu_3^2) ,$$

$$M_{RR}^{(\tilde{u})^2} = \tilde{M}_u^2 + m_u^2 + \frac{2}{3} x_W m_Z^2 \cos(2\beta) - \frac{1}{36} g''^2 (\nu_1^2 + 4\nu_2^2 - 5\nu_3^2) ,$$

and

$$M_{LR}^{(\tilde{u})^2} = m_u (A_u - m_{e'} \cot \beta) .$$

This concludes our survey of a simple  $E_6$  model, as we now have all of the relevant phenomenology for discussing  $L^+ L^-$  production at hadron colliders:<sup>c</sup>

## 2 Heavy Lepton Production

An interesting place to look for signatures of new physics is heavy lepton production at high energy hadron colliders, figure 2. For heavy charged leptons,

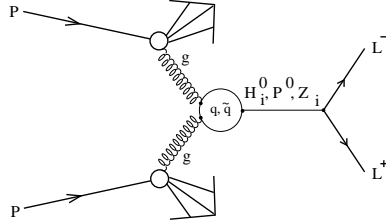


Figure 2:  $pp \rightarrow gg \rightarrow L^+ L^-$

$L^\pm$ , with mass  $m_L \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(150) \text{ GeV}$  the predominate production mechanism is

<sup>c</sup>For more details on the material covered in this section see <sup>1,3,4,5</sup>.

gluon-gluon fusion, within the  $SM^6$  and the minimal supersymmetric standard model ( $MSSM$ ).<sup>7</sup> For high enough energies then, the gluon luminosity of the hadrons can be taken advantage of. Accelerators that may provide good hunting grounds are

- $LHC$   $(pp)$   $14TeV$   $\mathcal{L} \sim 10^5 pb^{-1}/yr$ ,
- $TEVATRON$   $(p\bar{p})$   $1.8TeV$   $\mathcal{L} \sim 10^2 pb^{-1}/yr$ .

It is expected that the parton level cross-section,  $\hat{\sigma}(gg \rightarrow L^+L^-)$ , should be enhanced due to the number of heavy particles running around in the loop. This process has been computed in the  $MSSM$  by Cieza Montalvo, *et al.*<sup>7</sup> which predicts  $\mathcal{O}(10^5)pb^{-1}/yr$  for  $50 \leq m_L \leq 400GeV$ . Therefore, since  $E_6$  has more particles it is expected that its  $L^+L^-$  production rate should be even more enhanced.

### 2.1 $gg \rightarrow L^+L^-$

Figure 3 show the Feynman diagrams that are needed to compute the parton level cross-section (matrix elements) for  $gg \rightarrow L^+L^-$ . These matrix elements

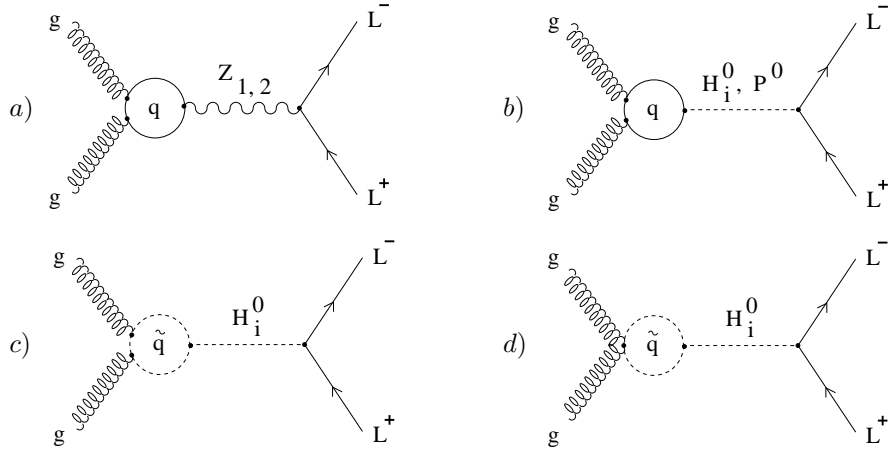


Figure 3: Feynman diagrams for gluon-gluon fusion to heavy charged leptons.

are similar to Cieza Montalvo, *et al.*<sup>7</sup> and therefore with some care can be

extracted from their paper. The general form of the cross-section is,

$$\hat{\sigma} = \hat{\sigma}_{qZ_{1,2}} + \hat{\sigma}_{qH_{1,2,3}^0} + \hat{\sigma}_{qP^0} + \hat{\sigma}_{\bar{q}H_{1,2,3}^0} + \underbrace{\hat{\sigma}_{q(Z_{1,2}-P^0)} + \hat{\sigma}_{(\bar{q}-q)H_{1,2,3}^0}}_{\text{Interference Terms}} .$$

We have decided not to show the explicit details,<sup>1,2</sup> since they are not very enlightening. However, it worth pointing out that, in the large  $v_3$  limit only the terms involving  $Z_{1,2}$  and  $H_3^0$  survive. Before the cross-section can be computed some of the  $E_6$  model parameters need to be constrained.

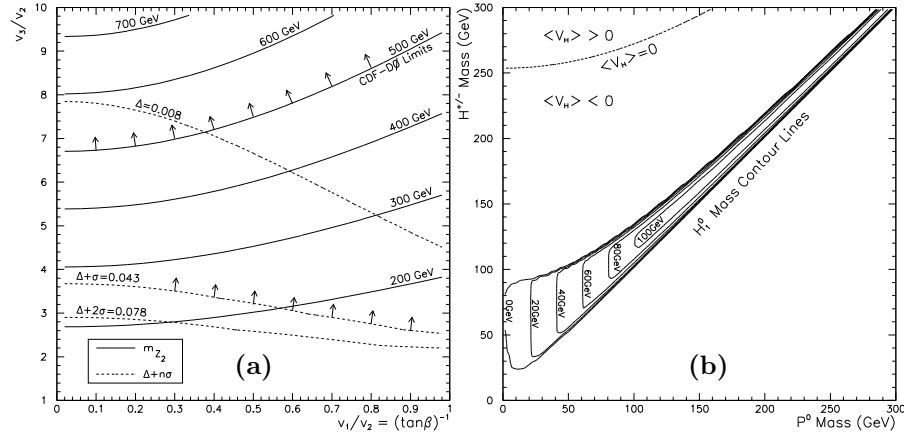


Figure 4: Plots of; (a)  $m_{Z_2}$  and  $\Delta$  contour lines as a function of  $v_1/v_2$  and  $v_3/v_2$ . The  $\Delta$  contour lines are shown at the  $0\sigma$ ,  $1\sigma$ , and  $2\sigma$  levels (cf<sup>9</sup>). The  $m_{Z_2} = 500\text{GeV}$  line shows the  $CDF$  and  $D\phi$  soft-limits.<sup>11</sup> The arrows point toward the allowed regions on the plot. (b)  $m_{H_1^0} \geq 0$  contour lines as a function of  $m_{P^0}$  and  $m_{H^\pm}$ , for  $v_1/v_2 = 0.02$  and  $v_3/v_2 = 6.7$ . The dashed curve in the upper left-hand corner is a plot of the zero of the Higgs potential above which it becomes positive.

The  $m_{Z_1}$  (*i.e.*,  $m_Z$ ) mass can be used to constrain the VEV's by requiring it lies within experimental bounds, *i.e.*,<sup>9</sup>

$$\underbrace{\sin^2 \bar{\theta}_W}_{\bar{x}_W} \equiv 1 - \frac{m_W^2}{m_{Z_1}^2} < \underbrace{\sin^2 \theta_W}_{x_W} \equiv \frac{g'^2}{g^2 + g'^2} \Big|_{\mu=m_W} ,$$

due to mixing with  $m_{Z_2}$ . Therefore, to within experimental fluctuations in  $\bar{x}_W$  ( $\approx 0.2247 \pm 0.0019$ ) and  $x_W$  ( $\approx 0.233 \pm 0.035|_{\mu=m_W}$ ) we have

$$\Delta \equiv x_W - \bar{x}_W \approx 0.008 \pm 0.035 .$$

Figure 4.a shows the  $\Delta$  and  $m_{Z_2}$  contour lines as a function of  $v_1/v_2$  (*i.e.*,  $1/\tan\beta$ ) and  $v_3/v_2$ . Here,  $v_1/v_2 \lesssim \mathcal{O}(1)$  has been chosen, since  $m_b \ll m_t$  for any reasonable range of Yukawa couplings.<sup>9,10</sup> Taking  $\Delta + 1\sigma$  contour line gives  $v_3/v_2 \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(3.5)$  (*cf*<sup>3,9</sup>) or  $m_{Z_2} \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(200)GeV$ . Since the error in  $\Delta$  is fairly large, a more conservative approach has been taken by invoking the *CDF* and *DØ* soft-limits (*i.e.*, assuming *SM* couplings) on  $m_{Z_2}$  (fig. 4.a).<sup>11</sup> These give fairly reasonable bounds on  $m_{Z_2}$ , *i.e.*,  $m_{Z_2} \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(500)GeV$  ( $\Rightarrow v_3/v_2 \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(7.5)$ ), since  $Y_E$ 's  $\sim \mathcal{O}(Y)$ 's (*cf* fig. 1). For the moment let us make the further assertion that  $\lambda_1 \sim \lambda_2$ . Then we have  $v_1/v_2 = 0.02$  (*i.e.*,  $\sim \mathcal{O}(m_b/m_t)$ ), which implies  $v_3/v_2 = 6.7$  for  $m_{Z_2} \approx \mathcal{O}(500)GeV$ .

Now that the *VEV*'s have been fixed, the Higgses masses can be constrained by adjusting  $\lambda$  and  $A$ , or equivalently  $m_{P^0}$  and  $m_{H^\pm}$ . Figure 4.b shows the contour lines for the lightest scalar-Higgs mass,  $m_{H^0}$ , as a function of  $m_{P^0}$  and  $m_{H^\pm}$ . Notice that variation in  $m_{P^0}$  and  $m_{H^\pm}$  is restricted to a very narrow region within which  $m_{H^0} \geq 0$ . Also, for variations of  $m_{P^0}, m_{H^\pm} \lesssim \mathcal{O}(1)TeV$  it turns out that  $m_{H^0}$  remains fairly constant. Therefore, we are free to choose  $m_{P^0}$  and  $m_{H^\pm}$  as we like since  $L^+L^-$  production becomes insensitive to  $m_{H^{0,2}}$  and  $m_{P^0}$  in the large  $v_3$  limit (which is the case here). Furthermore, the region over which  $m_{P^0}$  and  $m_{H^\pm}$  are allowed to vary changes insignificantly for  $v_1/v_2 \lesssim \mathcal{O}(1)$ , which allows us to recant our previous assertion. Here we will consider  $m_{P^0} = 200GeV$ ,  $m_{H^\pm} \approx \mathcal{O}(214)GeV$ ,  $6.7 \leq v_3/v_2 \leq 9.1$ , and  $0.02 \leq v_1/v_2 \leq 0.9$ .

In general, the soft-terms should be evolved down from some SUSY unification scale to give proper masses to the scalar squarks. However, as the details of this evolution have not been completely settled, it is typical to treat these terms as parameters. Here we will choose  $\tilde{M}_{\tilde{f}} = A_f \equiv m_S$ , such that  $\mathcal{O}(0.4)TeV \lesssim m_S \lesssim \mathcal{O}(1)TeV$ .

The exotic quark masses, the  $m_{q'}$ 's, will be assumed degenerate, such that  $\mathcal{O}(200)GeV \lesssim m_{q'} \lesssim \mathcal{O}(600)GeV$ .

Finally, the  $e'^{\pm}$  will be designated to play the role of the heavy charged lepton,  $L^\pm$ .

## 2.2 Results

Figure 5.a shows the rapidity distribution,  $\partial\sigma/\partial y$ , at rapidity zero,  $y = 0$ , as a function of heavy lepton mass,  $m_L$ , for a typical set of  $E_6$  parameters at *LHC*.<sup>d</sup> Notice that the terms involving  $P^0$  are suppressed, as advertised. The terms

<sup>d</sup>The rapidity distribution was obtained by folding the parton level cross-section in with the *DO1.1* gluon distribution function.<sup>12</sup>



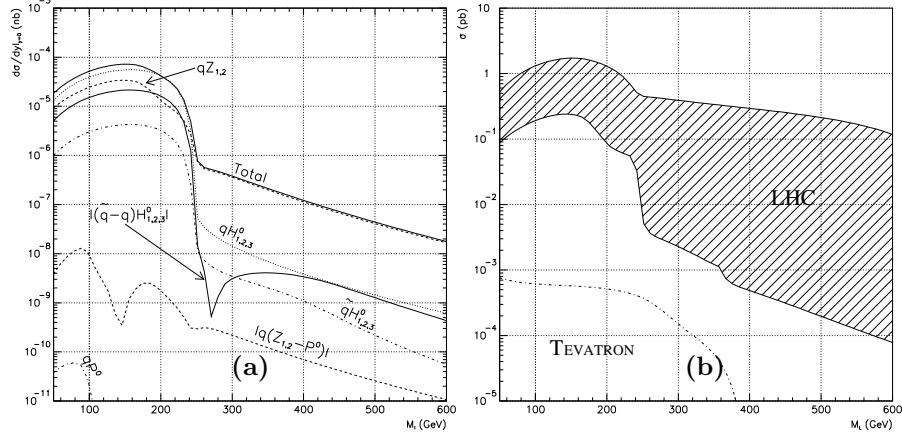


Figure 5: Plots of; (a) the rapidity distribution (in  $pb$ ) at  $y = 0$  for heavy charged lepton production at  $LHC$  as a function of heavy lepton mass, where  $v_1/v_2 = 0.02$ ,  $v_3/v_2 = 6.7$ , and  $m_S = 400GeV$ . The mass spectrum for the non-SM particles are,  $m_{Z_2} \approx 496GeV$  ( $\Gamma_{Z_2} \approx 20.9GeV$ ),  $m_{P^0} \approx 200GeV$  ( $\Gamma_{P^0} \approx 16.4GeV$ ),  $m_{H^\pm} \approx 215GeV$ ,  $m_{H_1^0} \approx 94.3GeV$  ( $\Gamma_{H_1^0} \approx 7.50 \times 10^{-3}GeV$ ),  $m_{H_2^0} \approx 200GeV$  ( $\Gamma_{H_2^0} \approx 16.5GeV$ ),  $m_{H_3^0} \approx 495GeV$  ( $\Gamma_{H_3^0} \approx 0.230GeV$ ),  $m_{q'} = 200GeV$ . (b) the results for the total  $L^+L^-$  production cross-section (in  $nb$ ) at  $LHC$  and the TEVATRON as a function of  $m_L$ . The hashed region are the  $LHC$  results.

involving  $H_{1,2}^0$  are also suppressed, but are not explicitly shown. The dramatic drop in  $\partial\sigma/\partial y|_{y=0}$  at  $m_L \approx 250GeV$  corresponds the  $Z_2$  and  $H_3^0$  resonance cut-off's. The cut-off's vary with the  $Z_2$  mass, since  $m_{H_3^0} \approx m_{Z_2} \approx \mathcal{O}(g'^2 v_3^2)$  for large  $v_3$  ( $cf^0$ ). Not so obvious in this plot, is the slight kink in the  $qZ_{1,2}$  curve around  $m_L \approx 200GeV$  (*i.e.*,  $\approx m_{q'}$ ). This corresponds to the heavy quarks in the loops going off shell. The effect becomes more noticable as the exotic quark masses are pushed up to  $\mathcal{O}(600)GeV$ , because it sustains  $\partial\sigma/\partial y|_{y=0}$  at  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-4})pb$  before gradually starting to drop off.

Finally, Figure 5.b shows the total  $L^+L^-$  production cross-section at  $LHC$  over the  $E_6$  model parameter space specified in § 2.1. Also shown are the results for the TEVATRON, with the parameters given in figure 5.a. Clearly not enough events are produced at the TEVATRON to make a search worthwhile, *i.e.*,  $\lesssim \mathcal{O}(0.1)events/yr$ . However, at  $LHC$  we expect  $\mathcal{O}(10^{4\pm1})events/yr$ . Unfortunately, this is a factor of at least 10 less than predicted by the  $MSSM$ .

The reason for this discrepancy is because  $v_3$  is constrained to be large. In this limit the  $L^+L^-$  production losses out over  $MSSM$  since the number of Higgs propagators has been reduced from four to one, whereas  $MSSM$  has

three. Indeed, when  $v_3/v_2$  drops below the  $\Delta + 2\sigma$  contour line, in figure 4.a, the other Higgses start to contribute and  $L^+L^-$  production increases by a factor of  $\mathcal{O}(10)$ , for  $m_L \lesssim \mathcal{O}(100)GeV$ .

It should also be pointed that, for  $MSSM$  model parameters which yield a particle spectrum similar (*i.e.*, with comparable masses) to that of  $E_6$ , a fair chunk of its parameter space is eliminated by unitarity constraints.<sup>7</sup> In particular, for the results shown in figure 5.a,  $MSSM$  production is restricted to the region  $m_L \lesssim \mathcal{O}(250)GeV$ , for  $m_{H_1^0} \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(600)GeV$  and  $\tan\beta \lesssim \mathcal{O}(5)$ . For more conservative  $MSSM$  parameters,  $m_L \lesssim \mathcal{O}(400)GeV$ .

### 3 Closing Remarks

A simple  $E_6$  model was constructed and used to compute  $L^+L^-$  production at high energy hadron colliders. We expect  $\mathcal{O}(10^{4\pm1})events/yr$  at  $LHC$  and “zero” at the  $TEVATRON$ , for  $50GeV \leq m_L \leq 600GeV$ . The results were a factor of at least 10 less than the  $MSSM$  results due to the  $CDF$  and  $D\emptyset$  soft-limits on  $m_{Z_2}$ ,<sup>11</sup> which caused the  $H_{1,2}^0$  and  $P^0$  contributions to become suppressed.

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